The Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Music is intended for advanced musician/scholars who desire to complete their graduate study in a specific area of music scholarship in order to continue the development of their creative and analytical skills. The goals of the degree are to provide advanced training in a specific emphasis area, confer degrees to students who can communicate musical knowledge in oral and written form and prepare students for employment at colleges and universities.

**Objectives:**
- To equip students with the ability to understand music’s aesthetic content, structure, place in history, and role in contemporary society.
- To develop those talents and skills necessary to compete as professional musician/scholars. Such talents and skills include extensive foundations in theoretical analysis and history, advanced knowledge in one area of music work, research skills and knowledge of current trends in their specific emphasis area.
- To develop students’ individual talents and skills beyond that attainable at the masters level study, thereby providing the scholarly music community with a select group of creative and artistic people who will promote the art of music.

**Program** - Sixty semester hours of approved course work beyond the Master’s Degree that include eighteen hours of dissertation credit. See p. 15 for specific Music Education Master’s Degree course requirements.

**Admission to program** – In addition to the general requirements listed above, applicants must satisfy the following requirements before being admitted:

1. Possession of a Master’s degree in music with a concentration in music education, or an equivalency in courses beyond the bachelor level.
2. A minimum of two years of successful teaching experience in public or accredited private schools, colleges or universities. At least two recommendations from school officials must be submitted.

**Diagnostic Exams:**
- History (Date Passed)  
- Theory (Date Passed)  

**Major Studies:**
- MUS ED 621: Research in Music Education 3 credits  
- Statistical Research (various courses) 3 credits  
- MUS ED 691P: Philosophies of Art and Music 3 credits  
- MUS ED 791C: College Music Curriculum 3 credits  
- MUS 899: Dissertation 18 credits

**Other Music Studies:**
- THEORY AND HISTORY: Three required (2+1 or 1+2) from among the approved courses listed on page 14 of this document 9 credits  
- THEORY, HISTORY, EDUCATION: One required from among the approved courses listed on page 14 of this document 3 credits

**Electives:**
- Music Cognate Minor Requirements: 9 credits  
- Non-Music Cognate Minor Requirements: 9 credits

**Degree Total:** 60 credits